

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for generating verifiable ~~reported~~ report information, the method comprising:

retrieving report information from a central data repository using one or more query statements;

generating a report using the report information;

generating a hash based on ingredient data ~~related to the generation of the report~~, wherein the ingredient data ~~is related to the generation of a report~~ comprises the report information, the one or more query statements, and at least one of a date and time the report was generated and a version of the report information ~~including the reported information~~;

storing the hash and the ingredient data in an ingredient database, the hash being associated with the ingredient data in the ingredient database; and

outputting the report, the report including the report information and ~~the~~ a copy of the generated hash stored in the database, wherein the stored hash and the ingredient data may be subsequently accessed using the copy of the hash included in the report to verify the report information.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the report using a software application remotely executable over a network.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the ~~at least one or more query statement~~ statements ~~that generated the report~~ comprises at least one of a structured query language (SQL) statement and a data access language statement.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the one or more query statements is based on a format ~~comprises~~ comprising at least one of ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange), EBCDIC (Extended Binary-Coded Decimal Interchange Code), Unicode or other character strings, Comma Separated Values (CSV), SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language), Extensible Markup Language (XML), HyperText Markup Language (HTML), Portable Document Format (PDF), Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG), and Graphics Interchange Format (GIF), a word processing document format, a spreadsheet file format, and a presentation file format.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ingredient data indicates how the report was generated.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the report comprises at least one of a graph, a chart, a table, a spreadsheet, a word processing file, a presentation file, and a text file.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein outputting the report further comprises providing an electronic copy of the report including a verifiable digital signature.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the electronic copy of the report is configured to include a user selectable element wherein a module configured to verify the digital signature included with the electronic copy of the report is executed when the user selectable element is selected.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the module is remotely executable over a network.

Claim 12-21 (Cancelled).

22. (Currently amended) A system for generating verifiable ~~reported~~ report information, the system comprising:

a memory storage for maintaining a database; and

a processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is operative to

retrieve report information from a central data repository using one or more query statements;

generate a report using the report information;

generate a hash based on ingredient data related to the generation of the report, wherein the ingredient data ~~is related to the generation of a report~~ comprises the report information, the one or more query statements, and at least one of a date and time the report was generated and a version of the report information including the reported-
information;

store the hash and the ingredient data in an ingredient database, the hash being associated with the ingredient data in the ingredient database; and

output the report, the report including the report information and ~~the~~ a copy of the generated hash stored in the database, wherein the stored hash and the ingredient data may be subsequently accessed using the copy of the hash included in the report to verify the report information.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

24. (Original) The system of claim 22, further comprising the processing unit being operative to generate the report using a software application remotely executable over a network.

Claim 25 (Cancelled).

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~25~~ 22, wherein the ~~at least one~~ one or more query ~~statement~~ statements that generated the report comprises at least one of a structured query language (SQL) statement and a data access language statement.

27. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the one or more query statements is based on a format ~~comprises~~ comprising at least one of ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange), EBCDIC (Extended Binary-Coded Decimal Interchange Code), Unicode or other character strings, Comma Separated Values (CSV), SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language), Extensible Markup Language (XML), HyperText Markup Language (HTML), Portable Document Format (PDF), Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG), and Graphics Interchange Format (GIF), a word processing document format, a spreadsheet file format, and a presentation file format.

28. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the ingredient data indicates how the report was generated.

29. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the report comprises at least one of a graph, a chart, a table, and a spreadsheet, a word processing file, a presentation file, and a text file.

30. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the processing unit ~~being operative to output the report further comprises the processing unit being is~~ further operative to provide an electronic copy of the report including a verifiable digital signature.

31. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein the electronic copy of the report is configured to include a user selectable element wherein a module configured to verify the digital signature included with the electronic copy of the report is executed when the user selectable element is selected.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the module is remotely executable over a network.

Claim 33-42 (Cancelled).

43. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising a set of instructions which when executed perform a method for generating verifiable ~~reported~~ report information, the method comprising:

retrieving report information from a central data repository using one or more query statements;

generating a report using the report information;

generating a hash based on ingredient data related to the generation of the report, wherein the ingredient data ~~is related to the generation of a report~~ comprises the report information, the one or more query statements, and at least one of a date and time the report was generated and a version of the report information ~~including the reported information~~;

storing the hash and the ingredient data in an ingredient database, the hash being associated with the ingredient data in the ingredient database; and

outputting the report, the report including the report information and ~~the~~ a copy of the generated hash stored in the database, wherein the stored hash and the ingredient data may be subsequently accessed using the copy of the hash included in the report to verify the report information.

Claim 44 (Cancelled).

45. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 43, further comprising generating the report using a software application remotely executable over a network.

Claim 46 (Cancelled).

47. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~46~~ 43, wherein the ~~at least one~~ or more query ~~statement~~ statements that generated the report comprises at least one of a structured query language (SQL) statement and a data access language statement.

48. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 47, wherein the one or more query statements is based on a format comprises comprising at least one of ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange), EBCDIC (Extended Binary-Coded Decimal Interchange Code), Unicode or other character strings, Comma Separated Values (CSV), SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language), Extensible Markup Language (XML), HyperText Markup Language (HTML), Portable Document Format (PDF), Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG), and Graphics Interchange Format (GIF), a word processing document format, a spreadsheet file format, and a presentation file format.

49. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 43, wherein the ingredient data indicates how the report was generated.

50. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 43, wherein the report comprises at least one of a graph, a chart, a table, and a spreadsheet, a word processing file, a presentation file, and a text file.

51. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 43, wherein outputting the report further comprises providing an electronic copy of the report including a verifiable digital signature.

52. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 51, wherein the electronic copy of the report is configured to include a user selectable element and wherein a module configured to verify the digital signature included with the electronic copy of the report is executed when the user selectable element is selected.

53. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the module is remotely executable over a network.

Claim 54-63 (Cancelled).